

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 1-8 and 14-30 are allowed and that claims 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected.

Applicants have amended claim 9 to include the limitations of claim 11 and as such is claim 11 written in independent form. Applicants have also amended dependent claims to now depend from allowable claim 9 as amended. Since all the claims including the claims as now amended have been indicated as being allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the above case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a conference facilitate the issuance of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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